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SUBJ: REGIONAL ASSOCIATION I (AFRICA) SIXTH SESSION (RA-I)

1. THE SIXTH SESSION RA-I OPENED AUG 21 WITH 32 MEMBERS PRESENT; SOUTH AFRICA ABSENT. ISRAEL, SWITZERLAND AND USA REPRESENTED BY OBSERVERS. NINE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING ESRO AND LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES PARTICIPATING.

2. IN OPENING STATEMENT, PRESIDENT SECK (SENEGAL) INTRODUCED QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION OF PORTUGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA IN WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION. THIS QUESTION THEN TAKEN UP BY ALGERIA WHO PROPOSED TWO NEW AGENDA ITEMS AS FOLLOWS: ITEM 6.5, METEOROLOGICAL ASPECTS OF DROUGHTS IN THE SAHELIAN ZONE AND OTHER REGIONS IN AFRICA AND ITEM II, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES BY THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS. BOTH THESE ADDITIONS SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL MEMBERS. SECRETARIAT URGED THAT ITEM II BE TAKEN UP WITHIN CONTEXT WMO SIXTH CONGRESS DECISION THIS SUBJECT. THIS VIEW NOT LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTED, AS WMO PRESIDENT TAHA REFERRED TO 55TH ECOSOC RES. 1804 AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. EXPECT THIS QUESTION TO BE TAKEN UP AT NEXT PLENARY AUG 24.

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3. IN FURTHER REMARKS, WMO PRESIDENT TAHA URGED RA-8 TO DEVELOP PLAN FOR ACTION BY THE NEXT CONGRESS WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE PROPOSALS FOR WMO FINANCED CHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. HE REMARKED THAT AT 1947 SESSION OF AFRICAN REGION, OF 19 MEMBERS PRESENT HE WAS THE ONLY AFRICAN.

4. TWO WORKING COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED WITH AYADI (TUNISIA) AND TEWUNGWA (KENYA) AS CHAIRMEN.

5. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED OF FOLLOWING MEMBERS: ETHIOPIA, MADAGASCAR, GHANA, NIGER. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED OF FOLLOWING MEMBERS: TUNISIA, KENYA, IVORY COAST, NIGERIA.

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